

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Guillaume Petitjean
Serial No.: 10/606,600
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For: INSERTION OF BINARY MESSAGES IN VIDEO PICTURES
Examiner: M. Smithers
Art Unit: 2137

LETTER

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

A. Summary of Telephone Conference with Examiner

Applicant appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Smithers in the telephone conversation of July 30, 2007. Examiner Smithers telephoned Applicant's representatives to say that a certified copy of the French priority application could not be found in the USPTO's file. Applicant's representative responded that certified copy of the French priority application was filed March 5, 2007. Applicant's representative pointed out that the reply to the previous Office Action provided a stamped copy of the return receipt postcard showing that certified copy was in fact received by the PTO. Therefore, Applicant has already satisfied the duty to provide a certified copy to the USPTO.

Examiner Smithers indicated that he understood Applicant's position, but stated said that the Special Programs Examiner would be unwilling to let the present application issue with Applicants' claimed priority date until a certified copy of the priority document could be placed

in the file. Examiner Smithers stated that the present application is otherwise in condition for allowance.

Applicant's representative and Examiner Smithers discussed the possibility of using the electronic priority document exchange procedure to obtain the certified copy of the priority document. Examiner Smithers indicated that such a course of action would likely be sufficient, assuming that the present application is eligible for such a procedure.

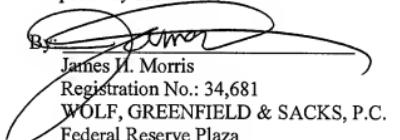
B. Request to Retrieve Priority Document

In response to the interview with Examiner Smithers, Applicant is filing herewith a Request to Retrieve Electronic Priority Application. Applicant respectfully requests that the USPTO obtain a certified copy of French Application No. 02/08114 via the EPO, by virtue of corresponding EPO Application 1377068. Although Applicant believe that Applicant's obligations under the statute and rules have already been complied with, Applicant submits this request to expedite the issuance of the present application.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance.

Dated: August 6, 2007

Respectfully submitted,


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